

# Mock Interviews

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CCPD is here to help you develop your interviewing skills. Find out more about the many opportunities we have available to aid you before your big day.

Mock interviews with the CCPD are available to those interested in constructively sharpening and enhancing important interview skills, by creating a situation as close to the real interview as possible.

## About Mock Interviews

A mock interview is a practice interview conducted by a professional CCPD team member, in which the interviewee is asked general questions typically asked during an interview. At the conclusion, the interviewer will provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.

### What is the format of a mock interview?

1. **Introduction.** After exchanging greetings, the interviewer will briefly explain the mock interview process and what to expect. You will be able to ask any questions you have before the mock interview will begin.
2. **Interview.** The question and answer segment of the mock interview will begin.
3. **Personal critique.** After the last question, the interviewer will ask for your thoughts on how the interview went. This is your time to critique yourself and address areas of weakness and strength.
4. **Professional critique.** After your critique, the interviewer will supply you with further feedback. Areas critiqued will include answer content, nonverbal behaviors, interview attire, etc.

*If you are seeking a more generalized exercise, or would like to practice before your appointment, you may want to utilize InterviewStream.*

### To request a mock interview:

1. Log into your Handshake account
2. Select "Career Center" on the top right hand side of your homepage
3. Select "Appointments" from the drop down menu
4. Click "Schedule A New Appointment"
5. Click "Mock Interview" – Choose between "Personal Development" and "Class Assignment"
6. Choose a date and time that works best for you!

### Be prepared to bring your résumé when you arrive to your interview

You may determine ahead of time a position (e.g. Management Trainee) or career area (e.g. accounting) for which you would like to be interviewed. This will allow you to tailor your answers to your future industry and help you prepare real life answers based on your education, skills, and abilities.

## Mock interview F.A.Q.

### What do I wear? What should I bring?

A minimum of business casual is required for all Mock Interviews. Need professional attire? Ask about our Career Closet.

### Where do I go for my mock interview?

CCPD is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Rusk Building, directly off the elevators. Check in at the front desk, and the interviewer will greet and accompany you to the mock interview area.

### What kind of questions will be asked?

You can find a list of common interview questions in the handout [What Will They Ask?](#)

### What should I take away from a mock interview?

It is important that you take a mock interview seriously as a tool in developing your interview skills. At the end of the mock interview, you will be given tips, suggestions, and feedback. It is vital to your development to take and apply the advice to your interview regime to ensure success in your next interview.